

## TESTIMONY

of the

## CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

## HOUSING COMMITTEE

February 8, 2011

CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

## CCM supports Proposed Senate Bill 305 "An Act Concerning First-Time Homeowners."

CCM supports the idea of incentives for first-time homeowners to purchase a house in a distressed community. This initiative will encourage the development and maintenance of housing and has the potential to curb blight and strengthen Connecticut's distressed communities.

We urge the committee to *support* SB 305.

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